Claim 1 has been amended. Applicants respectfully request entry

of the amendment.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having

been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application

is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the

present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact

Robert W. Downs (Reg. No. 48,222), to conduct an interview in an effort

to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1. 17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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